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Subject: Re: Review of Draft Range Wide Transmission Line BMPs - By Sept 6th
Date: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 8:24:08 AM

Hi Drue - did APLIC send you another version? The first one didn't really contain much to comment on (no BMPs, etc.). Thanks,

Jeff

On Thu, Aug 29, 2013 at 2:59 PM, DeBerry, Drue <drue_deberry@fws.gov> wrote:

Folks,

APLIC just informed me that they will have a more current draft available for us shortly.

The person leading the group thought this was the final going into the meeting, but I guess a member wanted additional changes incorporated prior to the meeting.

Apologies for the inbox confusion.

Drue

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On Thu, Aug 29, 2013 at 1:36 PM, DeBerry, Drue <drue_deberry@fws.gov> wrote:

Project Leaders,

APLIC folks have asked the Service for input on their attached draft transmission line BMPs for sage-grouse habitat. **If you have staff who are able to provide feedback, please ask them to provide it to me by Friday Sept 6th COB.** Please ask them to cite page number and issue in a separate document and to provide literature citations for any suggested additions or changes to the BMPs.

APLIC wants to finalize the BMPs by the end of September. The APLIC group will meet in Denver Sept 11 and 12 to generate a final draft. Pat Deibert and I will represent the Service at the meeting, operating with the feedback we have received from your field staff. I will request that the APLIC group provide the Service with time to review the final draft and anticipate circulating that back out to you for quick review following the meeting.

The Service will not endorse the BMPs, but the BMPs do provide an opportunity for the

Service to improve consistency when providing input on transmission line projects across the sage-grouse range. The hope is that by providing input on the development of these BMPs, barring new science, the Service will avoid any future major surprises and have few minor ones that deviate from the BMPs.

Thanks,

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